

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request entry of this Preliminary Amendment prior to examination of this application.

Upon entry of this Preliminary Amendment, claims 1-30 will remain pending in this application.

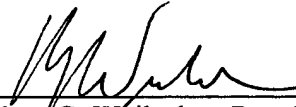
Early and favorable action on the merits of this application is earnestly solicited.

If additional fees are due in connection with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment or the accompanying Sequence Listing Submission, such as fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 02-4300; Order No. 032301.195.

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MARKED-UP VERSION OF THE INSERTIONS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph [0075] on page 22 with the following paragraph:

[0075] 3.1 Cloning of the cstA gene

From the strain ATCC 13032, chromosomal DNA was isolated by the method of Eikmanns et al. (Microbiology 140: 1817-1828 (1994)) I.B.R. On the basis of the sequence of the cstA gene known for *C. glutamicum* from example 2, the following oligonucleotides were chosen for the polymerase chain reaction (see SEQ ID No. [7] 6 and SEQ ID No. [8] 7):

cstA-exp1:

5' CAC CCT ACT GAA CAG CTT GG 3' SEQ ID NO:[7] 6

cstA-exp2:

5' CAG TGC ATG AGT AAG AGC CA 3' SEQ ID NO:[8] 7